

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SOUTH RIDING OF LANARK:

Gentlemen,

Eight years have passed since you first spontaneously invited me to become your representative, and extended to me a generous confidence, which I trust I still retain.

I now again come before you, in consequence of having accepted a seat in the Cabinet of the Dominion, and the charge, of the Excise Revenues of the country, and ask your ratification of the appointment which has been conferred upon me by the Crown.

I need scarcely remind you that I was an early advocate of a Union of the British North American Provinces, and that both in private and public life for many years past, I have laboured for the accomplishment of so desirable an object.

I believe that the time in which we live is a momentous one for Canada. Its people and its Governments—General and Local—have a great work before them. The Confederation so happily established is yet to be extended and thoroughly consolidated. Immigration to our shores must be fostered and encouraged; the great North Western Provinces are yet to be opened up, and made accessible so that they may speedily become the home of a large population; and withal, while these important measures are being cared for, the public service of the County requires to be so administered as to secure the utmost economy that can be practised consistently with true efficiency, and the revenues require to be husbanded, and the expenditure confined within proper limits.

The work of development and consolidation, to which the statesmen and people of Canada are called, is, I am persuaded, one that may well arouse the enthusiasm of every lover of his country in view of that future which patriotism leads us to hope for the Dominion, rising, as it will do, to power and strength under the protecting sway of the British Crown.

Should you again, then, confide to me the trust of repre-senting you in the House of Commons, and thereby enable me to take part in the government of my native country, you may rely that my best exertions will be given to the right discharge of the onerous duties that will devolve upon me, and that I will contribute my honest efforts towards solving the great problems that are presented to us.

One of yourselves---a native of the Riding---bound to the Province of Ontario by the ties of origin, residence, property, interests, and sympathy with the feelings of the people, I ask you for your suffrages, confidently believing that you will again accord to me that support which you have in the past vouchsafed to me.

I have the honor to be

Your faithful servant,

ALEXANDER MORRIS.

Perth, Nov. 20, 1869.

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